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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application.

Claims 35-36 have been objected to.

Claims 1-34 and 37 have been rejected.

Claim 35 has been amended.

Claims 1-34 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 35-36 would be allowable if the dependency on rejected base claims were corrected.

Claim 35 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully assert that this amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 35.

Claim 36 is dependent on claim 35, and includes all of the limitations of that claim.

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CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

As claims 1-17 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 18-34 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Karny et al. (US 4,569,590) in view of Anderson et al. (Automated Detector for Liquid Chromatography, September 1976, IBM).

As claims 1-15, 18-34 and 37 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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